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### **New Superintendent to Lead Gordon Correctional Center**

*Secretary Frank names Tim Nelson to oversee correctional facility in Douglas County*

GORDON – Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary Matthew Frank today announced that he has appointed Tim Nelson to be the new Superintendent of the Gordon Correctional Center (GCC).

“Tim Nelson brings more than 18 years of Department of Corrections experience to his new role, and his talents will complement the correctional center and its mission to provide safe, secure and humane custody of offenders, while preparing them for success when they return to the community,” Secretary Frank said.

Nelson began his career with the Wisconsin DOC in 1988 as a Correctional Officer at Columbia Correctional Institution. From July 1990 to June 1996 he worked as a sergeant at both St. Croix Correctional Center and Black River Correctional Center (BRCC). Nelson was then promoted to Assistant Superintendent at BRCC and in 2000 promoted to the Superintendent position at the facility.

During his tenure at BRCC, Nelson was instrumental in converting the facility to a successful boot camp facility in 2004 as part of Governor Doyle’s initiative to expand the Challenge Incarceration Program to a second site. The St. Croix Correctional Center in New Richmond also operates the 180-day program, which provides inmates with substance abuse treatment so they can gain the personal resources needed to return to the community, to successfully complete parole or extended supervision, and to remain crime and drug free.

Nelson moves to GCC from Stanley Correctional Institution, where he was named Deputy Warden in 2006. He will replace former GCC Superintendent Julie Wurl-Koth, who has been named Director of the Office of Program Services for the Division of Adult Institutions. Nelson’s appointment at GCC is effective April 29, 2007.

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